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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE'S OCTOBER VISIT

TO EUROPE

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1. MOST GOVERNMENT PRINCIPALS ARE ABSENT FROM BONN ON VACATION AT THIS TIME, AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL BE ABROAD, ON DATES AS YET UNSPECIFIED, DURING PART OF TIME SUGGESTED FOR GOVERNOR WALLACE'S VISIT. FOR THOSE REASONS, NOBODY ON THE LEVEL OF OFFICE STAFF OF THE CHANCELLOR OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS YET BEEN ABLE TO GIVE INDICATION AS TO WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR IN BONN.

2. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER, HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING LIKELY SCENARIO, APPRECIATING FACT THAT PART OF VISIT TO GERMANY WILL INCLUDE BERLIN STOP:

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FIRST DAY

ARRIVAL MID-AFTERNOON, HALF-HOUR DRIVE TO HOTEL FROM AIRPORT. (THE STEIGENBURGER HOTEL, LOCATED NEAR MAIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, APPEARS WELL-EQUIPPED TO HANDLE GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS.) THIS COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT DRIVE INTO THE COUNTRY, TO COLOGNE, ALONG THE RHINE, OR JUST REST. THAT EVENING THE AMBASSADOR OR MINISTER (DEPENDING ON DATE) WOULD BE PLEASED TO GIVE A DINNER FOR THE GOVERNOR AND MRS. WALLACE.

SECOND DAY

11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. - COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING AT EMBASSY FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON, EITHER AT THE EMBASSY OR A RESIDENCE OF ONE OF THE EMBASSY PRINCIPALS, WHERE DISCUSSIONS COULD CONTINUE.

3:00 TO 5:00 P.M. - MEETINGS WITH SENIOR FRG OFFICIALS, POSSIBLY AT CHANCELLERY, FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUNDESRAT (UPPER CHAMBER, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP ROUGHLY IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF THE US GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE) AND/OR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (OPPOSITION) OFFICE.

5:00 P.M. - RETURN TO HOTEL FOR REST.

6:30 P.M. - RECEPTION POSSIBLY GIVEN BY BUNDESRAT.

THIRD DAY

11:00 A.M. - FLY TO WEST BERLIN. USBER IS SUBMITTING SEPARATELY A SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT AN EMBASSY PRINCIPAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD OCT. 20-21 IN BERLIN, SO THAT A VISIT TO BONN ON EITHER OF THOSE DATES WOULD RESTRICT ABILITY OF EMBASSY, IN ABSENCE OF PRINCIPALS, TO BRIEF AND ENTERTAIN THE GOVERNOR. LIKEWISE, A VISIT ON THESE DATES TO BERLIN MIGHT RESTRICT THE MISSION'S ABILITY TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE PROGRAM THERE. THE PREFERENCE HERE THEN, IN THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF TOP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRG OFFICIALS IS STILL UNCERTAIN, IS TO PLACE THE BONN-BERLIN PORTION OF THE VISIT SOMEWHAT EARLIER ON THE OCTOBER 12-22 PROGRAM IF POSSIBLE.

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